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POINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR

AND ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ROME NOV. 3 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THREE-DAY TALKS BETWEEN GOI FONMIN MALIK AND PORTUGUESE FONMIN ATUNES. KEY PASSAGE IN COMMNIQUE (FULL TEXT NOT REPORTED) STATES "THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DECOLONIZATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR LIES WITH PORTUGAL, AND THAT PORTUGAL, AS THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY IN THAT TERRITORY, ENGAGES ITSELF TO UNDERTAKE ALL EFFORTS TOWARDS THE SPEEDY AND ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT OF SELF DETERMINATION BY THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR." AFTER NOTING AGREEMENT ON URGENT NEED TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN PT, COMMUNIQUE ADDED "TO THIS END, THE TWO MINISTERS CONCURRED ON THE NECESSITY TO CONVENE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME A MEETING BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND AIMED AT ENDING ARMED STRIFE AND BRINGING ABOUT A PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR."

2. MALIK AND ATUNES REPORTEDLY AGREED TO COOPERATE CLOSELY ON ALL ASPECTS OF DECOLONIZATION IN PT AND SHARED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO SAFEGUARD THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF INDONESIA. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, THEY ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION OF REFUGEES FROM PT IN INDONESIA AND DETENTION OF 23 PORTUGUESE NATIONALS BY UDT, AND AGREED THAT URGENT SOLUTION WAS NEEDED.

3. MALIK TOLD REPORTERS THAT MOST IMPORTANT MATTER WAS GETTING DECOLONIZATION PROCESS UNDERWAY AGAIN. HE SAID THERE WAS NO SCHEDULE YET FOR TALKS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND TIMOR FACTIONS, BUT BOTH INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL WOULD USE THEIR OWN CHANNELS TO CALL THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN PT TO JOIN WITH PORTUGAL TO WORK OUT DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSSIBLE.

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